

as an active ingredient, in a cosmetic composition or pharmaceutical composition, an effective quantity of at least one fatty substance free of carbohydrate units, having a melting point of less than 35°C and having an interfacial tension of between 6 and 27 mN/m.

21. (Amended) A method according to claim 13 for the cosmetic treatment of the skin and/or the mucous membranes.

22. (Amended) A cosmetic method according to claim 21 comprising topical application of at least one fatty substance free of carbohydrate units, having a melting point of less than 35° C and having an interfacial tension of between 6 and 27 mN/m as active ingredient in a cosmetic composition intended to reduce body odours and/or intended for body hygiene health care.

23. (Amended) A cosmetic method according to claim 21 comprising topical application of at least one fatty substance free of carbohydrate units, having a melting point of less than 35° C and having an interfacial tension of between 6 and 27 mN/m as active ingredient in a cosmetic composition intended to combat comedones and/or dandruff.

24. (Amended) A method according to claim 13 for the pharmaceutical treatment of the skin and/or the mucous membranes to combat mycosis and/or acne.